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Outer Lake Gregory Trail Construction Approved

SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday gave the green light to begin construction of a 3-mile trail around Lake Gregory in Crestline.

The \$1.6 million Outer Lake Gregory trail project entails the construction of retention walls, wooden handrails and additional parking spaces as well as enhanced landscaping around the lake. The actual trail will be constructed from a mixture of decomposed granite and plant materials. This will create a natural-looking, yet stable surface that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The trail will include connection points to the fitness trail closer to the lakeshore.

"Lake Gregory Regional Park is a wonderful recreation destination because of its waterslides, fishing, and other activities," Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. "The new trail will increase the park's allure by adding another safe path for mountain residents and visitors to use while strolling around the majestic lake."

The project has been in the works since 2001 when the county's Department of Public Works received a \$1.5 million Federal Transportation Enhancement Activity grant to construct the trail. The remaining funding will come from the

county's share of Measure I - a voter-approved, half-cent sales tax that helps pay for transportation projects.

Besides providing a path for recreation, the new trail will also serve as a safe route for children walking to Lake Gregory Elementary School. Trail construction is scheduled to begin this month and should be completed in August.